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"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds." (Ro.12:2)

A Transforming Church

- by Bishop Don Maier

You often hear me speaking about the ***mission*** of the Church and urging people into it. I am referring to the basic task Jesus has given his Church to perform. He gives us the Gospel and commissions us to make disciples out of all sorts of people. When focused on the unchurched, this ministry is known as *evangelization.*

How can we tell if we are on task or not? Well, by looking for the fruits of the Gospel to appear. We look for people to be transformed — minds, hearts, affections take on a new central focus, namely Jesus.

It is easy to think that the goal of evangelization is to recruit new church members. NOT! The goal of evangelization is *conversion.* In the process of conversion a person's whole life is reoriented, with Jesus Christ at the center of it all. I seriously doubt that the customary four to six sessions of a new member's class is up to the task of conversion. To help a person be transformed from unbeliever to disciple requires a much more sturdy gospel ministry.

A congregation that aims to be a *transforming congregation* will have a carefully conceived plan for the evangelization of the unchurched. I am always willing to advocate for the catechumenal process[1] as a model of such a plan. This model is well tested in the church and is employed by a number of denominational groups.

My concern is that the Northwest Washington Synod be a *transforming synod.* I intend to press for the formation of a synodical mission strategy with high priority given to a synod-wide evangelization plan which will likely involve the formation of new congregations, the redevelopment of some existing parishes and the strengthening of all parishes to be *transforming churches.* The Synod Council will take the first steps toward the formation of such a plan when it gathers for a 24-hour retreat in mid-May. Pray for us.

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[1]The *catechumenal process* is a plan which involves the congregation as a nurturing and worshiping community. Some serve as *sponsors* for *catechumens*; other members of the community serve as *catechists* or teachers. The whole congregation engages in blessing and praying for the *catechumens* over a period of several months. Generally, the process is built up around instruction and reflection based on the weekly lectionary. Training will soon be available in our synod for congregations interested in employing this ministry.

Synod Announcements

Jordan, Montana

Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation

Bishop Mark Ramseth, Montana Synod, writes as follows:

In recent days tension and conflict has heightened the church community of Jordan, Montana. We are sobered by these latest developments as lines of difference are drawn which divide families and touch entire communities. As a church we stand with our congregations and pastors and call for a ministry of peace and reconciliation.

I ask that, along with remembering the people of Jordan, you remember especially Pastor Helen Young of St. John's Lutheran Church and Community Presbyterian Church in Jordan, and Pastor Jerome Walters of Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup. These pastors, with others, have offered a strong biblical and confessional voice in the face of "Freemen" philosophy, and have, as well, called for a place of peace and reconciliation. Together we echo the words of our Lord; "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Watch for mailing

Recovering Clergy Retreat

The Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy retreat will be held at Loyola Retreat Center, Portland, Oregon, Friday and Saturday, June 7-8.

The theme for the retreat is *Abundance or Scarcity . . . is there enough to meet my needs?* The facilitator is Dr. Paul Stone, Consultation to Clergy Network counselor. CTC is assisting with funding costs.

The cost of the retreat is $55. Any pastor may contact Melanie Martin-Dent, 208/464-2636, or Larry Rohlfing, 503/994-8531, and a request will be made for financial aid. Send registrations to FRLC Registrar, Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham, OR 97030.

LSS Disaster Relief Fund

Small towns throughout Washington and Idaho were hurt hardest by February's record floods. Communities rallied and reached out to neighbors in need; but after the waters receded, the emergency crews left and the loans were dispensed, many families are still faced with the emotional and physical tasks of rebuilding their homes and lives.

Lutheran Social Services of Washington/Idaho has been able to help some, but more is needed. Please consider a special gift. Mail to Lutheran Social Services Disaster Relief Fund, LSS of WA/ID, 4040 S. 188th, Seattle WA 98188. Times of crisis remind us that we are one body bound together by God's love and compassion.

Funds available to share

'95 World Hunger Goal Surpassed!

The 1995 World Hunger Appeal goals of $11.4 million (and challenge goal of $11.7 million) were surpassed when receipts reached an unaudited $12,026,709.09. This means that all agency commitments for 1995 were met and additional funds are available to share with Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation and other international and domestic partners.

Many lives will be touched by these extra funds. More lives will be saved. More communities will be helped. More people will receive hope through self-help projects.

Director Roger Livdahl, ELCA World Hunger Appeal, acknowledges the importance of synod leadership in stimulating this kind of response and encourages the *champions* in the synods and congregations to keep up the good work!

Two-year extension

Study of Economic Life

The ELCA will vote on a statement about economic life in 1999 instead of 1997, as previously planned.

The two-year extension was a recommendation of the ELCA Conference of Bishops and was approved by the ELCA Church Council at its fall meeting. The bishops wanted the best possible statement and said other major issues to be considered in 1997 may distract the church.

Events

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" Ps. 150.6

A Festival of Hymns Honoring Ministry

You are invited to join your voice in a celebrative musical service of praise and thanks to God honoring our ministry together in the work of the Northwest Washington Synod. The occasion for this festival of music is the retirement of Paul Bartling, who has served in this synod since its inception in 1988.

The service has been designed by Valerie Shields, organist, Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, and Paul Bouman, a church musician, composer and brother-in-law of Paul Bartling. The congregational singing will be accompanied by choir and an ensemble of mixed instruments.

The hour-long service will be followed by a reception. All congregational members of the Northwest Washington Synod are invited.

Sunday, June 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, Washington

Two Identical Workshops

Congregational Financial Workhops

All financial leaders of congregations are invited to participate in one of the workshops being presented by the Synod Finance Committee. Treasurers, financial secretaries, bookkeepers, finance committee members and pastors are encouraged to attend one of two identical sessions:

Saturday, May 4 at First Lutheran Church, 2015 E. Blackburn Rd., Mt. Vernon; or

Saturday, May 11, at Denny Park Lutheran Church, John & Dexter, Seattle.

Both workshops will begin at 8:30 am and end at noon. Coffee will be provided.

The program will include presentations and discussions on financial policies, controls, audits, financial reporting, budgets, payroll and taxes as they relate to congregations.

To please register by contacting Hans D. Berkenhoff, PO Box 530, Mukilteo, WA 98275-0530.

Josephine Sunset Home

Dedication of Chapel

The residents and staff of Josephine Sunset Home invite you to a service of worship and dedication of their new chapel on Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm at Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood.

Our new *chapel in a box*, along with its accompanying worship appointments, was designed by Richard R. Caemmerer, Jr. Its construction was made possible by the estate of Thea Christine Soine. An Open House, complete with refreshments and tours of our new addition and remodeling of our facility, will be held from 1-4 pm.

All Rostered Persons

Bishop's Convocation

The speaker for the Bishop's Convocation on Thursday, May 16 will be Dr. James A. Bergquist, President of Lutheran Bible Institute. The topic: *Mission and Modern Culture.* The convocation will be held at First Lutheran, Richmond Beach.

Registration forms have been sent to all clergy and associates in ministry. If received before May 9, the registration fee is $10; $12 if paid at the door. If you register at the door, ***you will not be included in the lunch*** at the convocation. It is too difficult to make adequate plans/ preparations for those who register at the door.

Annual Spring Fundraiser

Open Door Ministries

Open Door Ministries' annual spring concert fundraiser will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 9th & Stewart, Seattle, on May 19 at 5 pm.

The featured performers are ***Philandros***, a small group from the Seattle Men's Chorus. Also on the program is ***David Barela & Company***, a piano, cello, and soprano trio.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit *Open Door Ministries.*

More Events

Global Mission Notes

Who from your congregation will attend the *Global Mission Event* in Spokane, June 27-30? This event will fire up Lutherans from across the United States to think of the world in a fresh way. Whole families will enjoy attending. For more information, contact Janet Thompson, PO Box 15206, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Living Word/ Artful Words

This course in literary prose style is taught by a life-long Lutheran and ELCA member, writer and teacher, Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen. The course may be taken through correspondence; as an intensive week-long or weekend workshop; or as a *Kairos* week at Luther Seminary. Contact Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen, 800/996-2777; or mnilsen@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu.

Single Lutheran Baby Boomers

If you think these activities fit your interests or needs, then they do — Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 21428 44th Ave., W., Mountlake Terrace (exit 18).

Saturday, April 27 - 7 pm
Finger food potluck, with a $2 fee for beverages and dessert served. Karaoke

Wednesday, May 8 - 7 pm
Bible study on *The Myths of Being a Christian*

Saturday, May 18 - 7 pm
Finger food potluck - $2 fee. Games to follow.

Lutheran Women's Caucus

Biblical Imagery of God will be presented by the Puget Sound Chapter of the Lutheran Women's Caucus on Saturday, May 11 at 11:45 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1710, 11th Ave. E., Seattle (11th and E. Olive). The Biblical study, led by members of the group, will continue to discuss images of God, the Caucus theme for 1995-96. The meeting will begin with shared finger food, and participants are asked to bring theirown cup or mug for beverages. Both the luncheon and the program are open to the public.

LATCH Annual Meeting

LATCH'S 1996 Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, May 18, at Bethel of Shoreline Lutheran Church beginning at 6 p.m. Liaisons from LATCH's 23 member congregations will elect 14 Church Directors to the LATCH governing board. The evening will also include a tribute to LATCH volunteers and will be highlighted by the presentation of the very first Opening Doors Award to Virginia Hansen of Denny Park Lutheran Church for outstanding volunteer achievement. For more information about the LATCH Annual Meeting, call 789-1536.

Companion Synod Sunday May 19

Our synod's churches will celebrate our partnership with the Mekane Yesus Church in North Ethiopia on May 19. Each congregation is urged to participate. Watch for a resource and idea packet to be mailed soon. For more information, call Shirley Egerdahl, 206/771-5203, Bernice Lavik, 206/392-7765 or Fred and Yvonne Robbins, 206/365-4996.

Financial Strength in Retirement

All retired pastors of the Northwest Washington and Southwestern Washington Synods and their spouses are invited to attend *Financial Strength in Retirement.*

This workshop, sponsored by Councils of both Synods, the NW WA Synod Stewardship Committee, the SWWA Mission Fund Committee and Lutheran Brotherhood, is designed to increase pastoral financial awareness and will be offered on June 14th and November 1st. Both workshops will be held at the Woodmark Hotel at Carillon Point in Kirkland. Reservations must be made by May 15. For more information and registration, please contact Christine Brass at 206/523-0009 or 1/800/585-5884.

. . . And More Events

Church Council of Greater Seattle

Installation of Thomas Quigley

You are invited to attend an *Ecumenical Service of Worship and Installation* of The Rev. Thomas H. Quigley as President-Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle on Sunday, May 5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, 9th and Marion Streets in Seattle. A reception immediately follows the service.

American Assn. of Pastoral Counselors

Counselors Hold Spring Convention in Vancouver

The American Association of Pastoral Counselors Northwest Spring 1996 Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC, May 2 - 4. Members should have received registration material for this meeting. If you have not received materials, please contact the Association Office at 703/385-6967 or the North Shore Counseling Center in Vancouver at 604/926-5495.

May Is Older Americans Month

Services Honor Older Members

Congregations have been sent a camera-ready bulletin insert for use during May, *Older Americans Month.* Please copy and use the insert as a way of raising awareness about Lutheran ministries serving older persons.

Habitat for Humanity

1996 Global Village Work Camp

Here is that unique experience you've long dreamed about — putting faith into action, sharing God's Love with God's needy people.

A team of 10 volunteers will be chosen from applicants who accept this challenge to travel to Tanzania, Africa, August 5 - 21 to help build decent shelters and relationships and communities. The cost is approximately $3,000; besides airfare, insurance, most meals, lodging, etc., the cost includes a safari to a Tanzanian National Park.

For more information and application form, contact John Yeatman, Global Village, Habitat for Humanity Int'l, 121 Habitat Street, Americus GA 31709-3498 - phone: 912/924-3655; or Ray Cunningham, 1940 Teller St., Lakewood CO 80215 - phone: 303/237-3810.

Easter

A People's Law School Seminar

Churches and the Law

Churches in Washington face many potential legal issues. A one-day seminar sponsored by the People's Law School — a program developed in the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association to educate the public about legal issues affecting every day life — will be held Friday, June 7 from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA. The seminar will help church professionals learn more about those issues and the choices critical to the success of their programs.

The cost of the seminar is $89 for the first attendee; $49 for additional attendees.

For more information or to register, please call WSTLA at 206/464-1011.

Women of ELCA

Women of Color Gathering

The Women of the ELCA third Women of Color Gathering will be held July 8 - 10 at the Regis Hotel in Minneapolis. Women of color or women whose primary language is other than English are invited to register for the Gathering and attend.

The theme of the Gathering is *Proclaim God's Peace.* Women of the ELCA will provide round-trip transportation and three meals for participants. The registration deadline is May 1.

Call 800/638-3522, ext. 2730 for additional information and registration materials.

Continuing Education

Pastoral Care Responses to Crisis/Issues

Peer-led Workshops

In response to recent situations involving ministries of intensity or critical intimacy, the Synod Leadership Committee has asked Dr. Eldon Olson to set up peer-led workshops to assist all persons in ministry to have ongoing conversation about pastoral care issues. Teams have been trained and workshops are scheduled throughout the synod. If you have not received information about the location and time of these workshops, please contact your cluster dean. All clergy and associates in ministry are expected to attend one of these workshops. Make-up workshops will be held in the Fall for those who are unable to attend now.

Lay Staff

APLPM Annual Conference

Marva Dawn will be the keynote speaker for the Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Minister/NW annual conference, open to all Lutheran lay staff persons. The conference, held this year at Seabeck Retreat Center, is May 13-16

The APLLM conference is the only annual event in our region specifically focused on professional lay ministry.

Membership in APLLM is not required to attend. The cost is $155/member or $185/non-member. Registration forms have been mailed to church offices. For more information you may call 208/882-2536.

20/20 Vision Seminar

Small Group Seminar

Dale Galloway, Dean of the Beesen Leadership Center, Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, offers training in how to launch a small group ministry in your church. A seminar in this area will be offered May 17 at Birchwood Presbyterian Church, Bellingham. Call 800/420-2048 or 606/277-8114 for additional information.

Registration deadline is May 3

Long-Term Pastors Retreat Workshop

You are invited to the second annual retreat workshop designed for parish pastors who have been in their present congregations seven or more years. Pastor Kirby Unti and Pastor Dan Selmann — both serving in long-term pastorates — have been trained by the Alban Institute and have also worked with Rev. Bill Behrens of the ELCA's Division for Ministry to be workshop leaders for a pilot project on long-term pastorates in Region 1.

The retreat will take place on May 20-22 (beginning with lunch on Monday and ending before lunch on Wednesday) at the Center for Renewal, LOMA, 206/392-1871, 3607 228th Ave., SE, Issaquah, WA 98029.

Cost for the event is $125 to cover 6 meals, lodging and program. Commuters will be asked to contribute $65 for 4 meals and program. GEM Scholarships are available through your synod office or through the LENS office (contact Dr. John Schiller at 206/531-1916).

For more information, call Dan Selmann, 206/778-6390, or Kirby Unti, 206/226-2420.

Fourth Annual

Retreat/Workshop for Interim Ministers

The fourth annual region-wide Retreat/Workshop for Interim Ministers is scheduled for May 14 - 16 at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Toledo, Washington. (Arrive 2 pm Tuesday - leave noonThursday).

This retreat is a time to gather for mutual learning and support. The agenda is based on the needs and interests of the interim pastors who meet regularly in many of our synods. This year's agenda includes field-testing a new training/orientation manual which has been developed under the leadership of John Schiller of LENS and has been approved for use by the bishops of the region.

The cost of the retreat is $95 (two nights' lodging, six meals; bedding and towels are provided - also includes materials, copies, and snacks).

Send registration, including check for $95, to Linda Larson, registrar, 13700 SW Knaus Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97034-2136. Phone, 503/697-8978. Fax: 503/697-3046.

Want Ads

Part-time Position

Region 1 Receptionist

A part-time receptionist position is available in the Region 1 Office in Seattle. The work schedule is every Monday, plus the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Requires good verbal skills, easily understood over the telephone; good skills at meeting the public; detail-oriented; involved in a local congregation; team worker,etc.

If interested, call Janet Nelson in the Region 1 Office, 206/6240093.

Redmond, WA

Music Director

Maintain, develop, and direct adult choir; assist in worship planning and music selection; coordinate organist and handbell director. Strong Lutheran background and team player essential. Salary DOE, Resumes to: Gary Gilbertson, Faith Lutheran Church, 9041 166th Ave., NE, Redmond, WA 98052-3709.

Respond ASAP

Preschool Director

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, seeks an experienced Preschool Director to assist with organizing and directing a preschool this fall. Please submit a resume or make inquires at St. Lukes's Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. Phone: 206/822-7907.

Altar/Lectern

Faith Lutheran Church, Everett, has an altar, 7 ft. x 3 ft. x 4 ft., and matching lectern, both in good condition, to give away. Call Faith Lutheran Church, Everett, 206/353-4758 if interested.

Closes June 15

Youth/Family Minister

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, WA seeks Youth and Family Minister for full-time position starting Summer, 1996. Responsible for three youth groups, Sunday School, confirmation teaching, family fellowship planning. Send resume to Rev. Sandra Kreis, 111 E. 4th, Aberdeen WA, 98520.

Holden Village

Farm Mechanic

Position includes overseeing the garage, repair and maintenance of Holden vehicles, including trucks, buses, and a wide variety of heavy equipment, and knowledge of the use of heavy machinery.

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Plumber

Position includes maintenance of building plumbing. Requires knowledge of propane, water quality, irrigation, sprinkler, and septic systems.

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Both positions include a small stipend, medical insurance, room and board for a one/two year commitment. Write Staff Coordinator, Holden Village, Chelan, WA 98816 for an application and more details.

Closes May 7

Office Administrator

Maple Leaf Lutheran Church seeks office administrator. Includes office reception, publication of newsletter; maintaining records, office supplies and equipment; bulk mailing; correspondence; congregational and committee support. Requirements: experience with Word for Windows, database management, office management, office systems, editorial skills. Approximately 75 hours per month. Call 206/524-2448, M-F, 9 am to noon.

Two-Parish Position

Director of Youth/Family Ministry

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chinook and Naselle Evangelical Lutheran Church seek a Dir. of Youth and Family Ministry to work 3/4 time.

Work with youth committees; junior and senior high students and 3rd - 6th graders; plan family education events in each congregation; assist in plan to encourage and facilitate youth participation in synod, regional and national church events and in worship and education opportunities.

Contact: Pastor Tony Stoutenburg, Chinook & Naselle Lutheran Churches, PO Box 160, Chinook, WA 98614-0160; Phone: 360/777-8416. E-Mail: RQED56A@Prodigy.com

4-6 Month Postion

Program Director

Washington Association of Churches seeks a Program Director for Disaster Recovery Operations as a "contract services" employee. Salary range - $26,000 to $30,000 annual FTE plus benefits, (May through October 1996). Increase the capacity of local communities to engage in recovery process; organize statewide interfaith management board to insure that resources are made available and support is given to communities who need assistance, etc.

Excellent organizational and management skills and experience required, as well as public relations, fund raising, and administrative skills.

Send letter of interest and resume to WAC, 419 Occidental Avenue South, Suite 201, Seattle, 98104-2886.

Youth News

Correction

Youth Leadership Training Schools

The dates released previously publicizing these events were incorrect. Please note the corrected information:

Four Leadership Training Schools, recognized across the country as outstanding growth opportunities for congregational youth leaders, are scheduled for Region 1 congregations this summer:

July 20-23	**PLU, Tacoma, WA**
July 31-Aug. 4	**Aldersgate Retreat Center, Turner, OR**
Aug. 6-11	**University of Idaho, Moscow, ID**
Aug. 8-11	**Birchwood Camp, Chugiak, Alaska**

Congregational teams consist of youth and adults. Advanced LTS graduates will be held in conjunction with each LTS, usually beginning one day ahead of LTS I. Registration materials will be sent soon.

Miscellaneous

Companion Synod

The congregation in Woldia, Ethiopia, has begun construction on the new church facility and expects to complete it by June.

Our synod plans to send a small group to visit the Mekane Yesus Church in North Ethiopia in January 1997. These people will return as resource people and *Companion Synod Experts* for our congregations.

The synod raised $29,500 last year in support of our Companion Synod in North Ethiopia: $23,000 to help the Woldia congregation build their church and $6,500 to help pay transportation, lodging and meal expenses for lay leadership training seminars in Dessie, Ethiopia.

Our goal is to continue to support the leadership training seminars by raising $9,500 this year. Lay people fill many roles in the Mekane Yesus Church — the church has only two ordained pastors in the north.

Mission Opportunities

Can your congregation send someone to fill a need in another country? Here are a few short and long term opportunities:

- ***English teachers*** - Slovakia, China, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria;
- ***Development person*** - to work with cooperatives in Nicaragua;
- ***Elementary school teacher*** - Cameroon;
- ***Accountant*** - Papua New Guinea
- ***Hospital administrator*** - Cameroon;
- ***Seminary professors*** - Ethiopia and India.

(Call Harold Hanson, ELCA Div. for Global Mission, 800/638-3522 ext. 2414).

Jim and Margaret Culbertson, Our Savior's, Everett, will return in May from a year's service as teachers in Namibia.

German Student Seeks School Exchange Opportunity

A 16-year old boy from Bremen, Germany, wishes to attend school in Seattle and live with an American family, beginning in August or September. He has had four years of English in school. His family suggests an exchange with a Seattle student attending school in Germany this year or next year.

If this cultural exchange appeals to you and fits your family situation, you may contact: Holger Weiss, Osterdeich 86 a, 28205, Bremen Germany. Phone: 00494214992136 or Fax: 00494214989337.

A Confirmation Renaissance Event

Conformation (sic!) is Dead

Care to turn parents into the best allies you ever had in confirmation? Bring your staff, education board and/or key parents to this event. 500+ churches nationwide adopted this small group confirmation process and are loving it. The focus is bonding students into the body of Christ through a relational, incarnational, wholistic system of learning, service and fellowship guided by the pastor but implemented by a team of volunteer parents, Sr. High youth and other adults.

The cost for registrants is $74 for the first person from each church, $35 each for the next three with a maximum rate of $175/church. Seminary students are free.

The one-day workshop is May 8 at Kent Lutheran Church, 336 2nd Ave. S., Kent, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. To receive more information call The Faith Incubators Project, 612/430-0762.

More Want Ads

Winter Associate Pastor

Part-time position, two and a half days/week - Nov. through April 15. Hospital/home visitation, coordination of weekly potluck dinner program and assistance with Sunday worship. Contact Personnel Committee, Faith Lutheran church, PO Box 4596, Yuma AZ 85366.

Full time Position

Dir. Youth Ministries

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR, a large, suburban ELCA congregation seeks Director of Youth Ministries. Full time/ salaried/benefits. Oversees grades six through twelve with 200 plus youth participating. If you have a vision for Christian Growth, Service and Outreach call 503/644/9148 and request application.

Organist/Choir Director

Send resume and references: good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Music Search Committee, 4040 So., 188th St., Seattle, WA 98188. Phone: 206/243-4283. Position available early June.

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Family News

Fred A. Sommars

The Rev. Fred A. Sommars, 81, passed away March 29 at Crista Nursing Center in Shoreline.

Pastor Sommars was born December 13, 1914 in Mercer, ND; graduated from Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND, in 1936, and from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, in 1940. His internship was served at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI. He served as chaplain of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Puposky, MN from 1940-43; also during those years, he served as Home Missions pastor at Our Redeemer and Pleasant Valley Lutheran Churches in Puposky and preached at various parishes in the area. He served a three-point parish in Bagley, MN, from 1943-53; Our Savior's, Jackson, MN, 1953-64; and Trinity, Lynnwood, from 1964 until his retirement.

He was married to Marion Michel, and was the father of two sons and two daughters.

Peace be unto him.

Orville Gorud

The Rev. Orville Gorud, Montana Synod, died Saturday, March 30 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Pastor Gorud served congregations at Velva, ND; Sandpoint, ID; Columbia Falls, MT; Conrad, MT; and Great Falls, MT. He was called as assistant to Bishop Norman Wick in 1989 and served in the Montana Synod office until his retirement in 1993.

Peace be unto him.

Please remember our friends and family in their times of sorrow and of joy with our special prayers:

* **Bobbie Domenico** who continues in her efforts to regain her health;
* **Llano Thelin** as he continues to struggle with pulmonary fibrosis;
* Remember **Norm Orth,** St. Andrews, Bellevue, and family at the death of his brother.
* Congratulations to **Jeff and Gail Larson** and **Brittany** as they welcome **Nathaniel Christian**, born February 22.
* New address for **Phil and Linda Petrasek**: 904 21st St. SE, Mandan, ND 58554 - Phone: 701/663-2892.
* To all who have sent cards and letters to **Pastor Jerry Erickson** and his wife, **Sue**, "Thank you!" Jerry continues to take great delight in receiving your cards. This card ministry has indeed been a source of joy and healing. The whole family deeply appreciates your prayers Please continue to remember them with your prayers and by sending cards. Thank you!

The next issue of *Soundings* will be the July/August issue. Contributions should be in the Synod Office by Friday, June 14. Mailing is scheduled for Friday, June 21. Thank you!

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May

4	Congregational Finance Workshop, First, Mt Vernon, 8:30 am
8	Executive Committee, Synod Office, 7:30 am
9	*Praying the Liturgical Seasons*, Dominican Center, Edmonds, 9:00
10-11	*Work of the People* Seminar, First, Richmond Beach, Shoreline
11	Congregational Finance Workshop, Denny Park, Seattle, 8:30 am
11	Healing & Wholeness Task Force, St Andrew's, Bellevue, 10 am
11	Board of Outreach, Spirit of Christ, Everett, 9:30 am
14	Ecumenical Commission, St John, Seattle, noon
16	**Bishop's Convocation**, First, Richmond Beach, Shoreline, 8:30 am
17-18	Synod Council retreat, LOMA Center for Renewal, Issaquah
19	**Companion Synod Sunday**
20-22	Long-term Pastorate Workshop, LOMA Center, Issaquah
21	Personnel Committee, St John, Seattle, 1:00 pm
23	Candidacy Committee, St John, Seattle, 9:30 am
27	HOLIDAY—SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED

June

5	Cluster Deans, Synod Office, 10:00 am
8	Leadership Support Committee, St John, Seattle, 9:00 am
12	Executive Committee, Synod Office, 7:30 am

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May/June 1996

CALLS ACCEPTED
None this month

INSTALLATION(S)
None this month

ORDINATION(S)/COMMISSIONING
None this month

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Saint Andrew's, Bellevue	40th anniversary
Christ the King, Snohomish	40th anniversary

RESIGNATION(S)

Jocelyn K. Carson (AIM)	from Calvary, Seattle	04/05/96
Paul W. Eriks	resignation from roster	03/28/96
Benjamin Fecher	from Freeburn, Stanwood	04/01/96

RETIREMENT(S)
L. Paul Barthng 06/30/96

DEATH
Fred A. Sommars 03/29/96

REMOVED FROM SYNOD/ELCA ROSTERS (by action of Synod Council)

Ronald R. Blake	01/13/96
Donn L. Rosenauer	01/13/96

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Michael L. Meier	from Alaska Synod	03/0

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy I=Interviewing Int=Interim C=Calling V=Vacancy
S=Synod Call

Bothell, Light of the Cross	Int	Robert Johnson, Interim	
Edmonds, Christ (LP)	Int	Robert Moylan, Interim	
Everett, Advent	S		
Everett, Holy Cross	Int	John Otto Liljenstolpe, Interim	
Kent, Zion (A)	C	John Strand, Lead Pastor	
Maple Valley, Shepherd/Valley	Int	Gary Datenius, Interim	
Mount Vernon, First (A)	NV	Mark Johnson, Lead Pastor	
Mukilteo, Harbour Pointe	Int	Norman Nelson, Interim	
Seattle, Calvary	Int	Mary Lindberg, Interim	
Seattle, Columbia Lutheran Home	C	Robert Roiko, Interim Chaplain	
Seattle, Phinney Ridge	C	Lothar Pietz, Interim	
Seattle, St John	Int	Steven Myers, Interim	
Seattle, University	I	Valinda Morse, Interim	
Seattle, Zion American	S		
Silver Lake, Bethany of the NW	C		
Stanwood, Freeburn	NV	Roger Patrow, supply	

IF YOUR CONGREGATION IS SEEKING
A LAY PROFESSIONAL (ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY),
PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNOD OFFICE.